

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-23 (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended)

An absorbent article comprising an odor control system including cellulose fibers bonded with a partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent in the presence of heat for a time sufficient to cause dehydration, ~~the odor control agent selected from a partially neutralized HCMA, a partially neutralized PCA and combinations thereof,~~ the absorbent article being capable of suppressing odor from at least ammonia.

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The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the cellulose fibers are treated with a partially neutralized HMCA selected from the group consisting of citric acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, and combinations thereof.

26. (Original)

The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the cellulose fibers are treated with partially neutralized citric acid.

27. (Original) A diaper comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

28. (Original) Training pants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

29. (Original) Swim wear comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

30. (Original) Absorbent underpants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

31. (Original) A baby wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

32. (Original) An adult incontinence product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

33. (Original) A feminine hygiene product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

34. (Original) A medical garment comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

35. (Original) An underpad comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

36. (Original) An absorbent drape comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

37. (Original) A bandage comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

38. (Original) A medical wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

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39. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid control agent is selected from the group consisting of a partially neutralized HCMA, a partially neutralized PCA, and combinations thereof.

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40. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a partially neutralized polycarboxylic acid.

41. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 25-100% by weight of a partially neutralized hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

42. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 50-100% by weight of a hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

43. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent has a degree of neutralization of about 15-95%.

44. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 30-90%.

45. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 50-80%.

46. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a chelating agent.

47. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a salt of a transition metal.

48. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 47, wherein the transition metal is selected from zinc, cadmium, zirconium, chromium, titanium, copper, and combinations thereof.

49. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, comprising about 1-40% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

50. (New) The odor control system of Claim 24, comprising about 3-30% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

51. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, comprising about 5-20% by weight of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

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52. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising cellulose fibers which are not treated with the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent.

53. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising a superabsorbent material.